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Remarks

Applicant's representative, Wan Yee Cheung, thanks Examiner Sedighian for a telephone conversation on November 14, 2007, confirming that the pending action is a non-final action (the status was mistakenly indicated as Final in the Office Action Summary sheet).

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-18 are allowed.

Claims 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mazzurco et al. (U.S. patent No. 7,158,720 B1, hereinafter "Mazzurco").

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mazzurco.

Each of the various rejections and objections are overcome by amendments that are made to the specification, drawing, and/or claims, as well as, or in the alternative, by various arguments that are presented.

Any amendments to any claim for reasons other than as expressly recited herein as being for the purpose of distinguishing such claim from known prior art are not being made with an intent to change in any way the literal scope of such claims or the range of equivalents for such claims. They are being made simply to present language that is better in conformance with the form requirements of Title 35 of the United States Code or is simply clearer and easier to understand than the originally presented language. Any amendments to any claim expressly made in order to distinguish such claim from known prior art are being made only with an intent to change the literal scope of such claim in the most minimal way, i.e., to just avoid the prior art in a way that leaves the claim novel and not obvious in view of the cited prior art, and no equivalent of any subject matter remaining in the claim is intended to be surrendered.

Also, since a dependent claim inherently includes the recitations of the claim or chain of claims from which it depends, it is submitted that the scope and content of any dependent claims that have been herein rewritten in independent form is exactly the same as the scope and content of those claims prior to having been rewritten in independent form. That is, although by convention such rewritten claims are labeled herein as having been "amended," it is submitted that only the format, and not the content, of these claims

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has been changed. This is true whether a dependent claim has been rewritten to expressly include the limitations of those claims on which it formerly depended or whether an independent claim has been rewriting to include the limitations of claims that previously depended from it. Thus, by such rewriting no equivalent of any subject matter of the original dependent claim is intended to be surrendered. If the Examiner is of a different view, he is respectfully requested to so indicate.

Allowed Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-18.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 19-21

Claims 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mazzurco.

Claims 19-21 have been canceled, without prejudice, solely to expedite the allowance of this case. Their rejections are therefore moot.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more continuing applications based on the subject matter of the canceled claims.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claim 22

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mazzurco. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 22 has been canceled, without prejudice, solely to expedite the allowance of this case. Its rejection is therefore moot.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more continuing applications based on the subject matter of the canceled claim.

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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's rejections have been overcome and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

If, however, the Examiner still believes that there are unresolved issues, the Examiner is invited to call Eamon Wall at (732) 530-9404 so that arrangements may be made to discuss and resolve any such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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